Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 24 Aug 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 25 Aug 2023

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 23 Aug 2023 at 15:04 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for showery theme continuing over next few days. Lower confidence on day to day shower detail.

Headline for Thursday 24 Aug 2023: Overnight rain clearing, followed by sunny spells and scattered showers, some heavy.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 24 Aug 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy rain showers (night)	Heavy rain showers (night)	Light rain showers	Sunny intervals	Light rain showers	Heavy rain showers	Heavy rain showers	Heavy rain showers (night)
Precipitation probability							
40%	50%	40%	20%	30%	40%	40%	40%

Forecast for Thursday 24 Aug 2023

Weather: Rain, heavy for a time overnight, giving way to clear then sunny spells and a few showers by morning. Sunny spells during the day with showers becoming more frequent by afternoon, especially in west over Glencoe and Lochaber. Some of the showers becoming heavy in the afternoon and early evening with isolated thunderstorms.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% at first, soon improving 70%.

Low Cloud and visibility: Very good visibility away from showers with banks of cloud above about 700m. Brief interruptions to poor visibility as heavier showers come along with extensive cloud cover down about 600 to 700m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	21/25 S	17/21 SW	19/24 SW	22/29 SW	25/33 SW	22/30 SW	20/26 SW	14/19 S	11/15 SW
900	11/15 S	12/17 SW	15/19 SW	17/23 SW	19/27 SW	17/24 SW	16/22 SW	11/15 SW	9/12 SW
600	13/17 S	13/17 SW	16/21 SW	18/25 SW	22/30 SW	20/28 SW	19/25 SW	13/17 SW	9/13 SW
300	7/11 S	7/12 SW	8/14 S	12/18 SW	14/23 SW	13/21 SW	10/17 SW	7/12 S	5/9 S
Glen	3/8 SW	4/9 SW	5/13 SW	10/20 SW	13/25 SW	12/23 SW	9/19 SW	6/13 SW	4/9 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	5/0	5/1	4/-1	4/-2	4/-2	4/-2	4/-1	4/-1	4/-0
900	8/5	8/4	6/3	7/3	8/3	7/3	6/3	6/3	6/3
600	10/8	9/7	9/5	9/5	10/6	9/5	9/5	8/5	8/6
300	12/11	11/10	11/9	11/9	12/9	11/9	11/9	10/9	10/9
Glen	13/13	13/12	12/11	14/12	14/12	13/11	13/11	12/11	12/11
Freezing Level*	2400m	2200m	1800m	1800m	1800m	1900m	1800m	1800m	1800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling quite cold over higher ridges and summits due to single figure temperatures combined with fresh winds.

Forecast for Friday 25 Aug 2023
Weather: Bright with sunny spells and showers, mainly over Lochaber at first, developing in many areas from late morning. Some of the showers will be heavy in the afternoon with a small risk of thunderstorms.

Maximum wind: Northwest winds, average speeds of 15 to 20mph and gusts 30mph over the tops.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%

Low Cloud and visibility: Good visibility becoming poor as heavy showers pass by, and patchy cloud cover becoming extensive above about 700m.

Temperature: **Glens:** 9 Celsius rising to 17 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 9 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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